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MONEY TO LOAN.
MONEY TO LOAN ON MORTGAGES,
etc. Apply J. W. JARDINE, Court House, Hamilton.

Grimsby, Feb. 19.

—Miss Maud Sager is in Niagara Falls N. Y., visiting her brothers.

—For Sale—Cedar posts, round and split. Apply to The Bradley Company, Hamilton.

—The 44th Regt. Band will play at the Rink on Thursday evening Feb 20th.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weaver have come to Windsor to spend a week with friends.

—For Sale—A quantity of good straw apply Thomas Muir, Sr., one mile west of Grimes Corners.

—For Sale—A good stack of straw about eighteen tons. Walter Hopkins, 3 miles west of Grimes Corners.

—Mrs. William Andrews will be receiving at 'Lakelands' on Wednesday and Friday, February the 19th and 21st.

—The members of the Epworth League of the Grimsby Methodist church have accepted an invitation to visit the Smithville League on Friday evening.

—For Sale—Good Colt, rising four, partly broken will make fine driver, or suitable for general work. Also a driving mare aged six. Apply E. L. Jemmott.

—On Tuesday evening a number of citizens gathered at the house of Eli Singer in the form of a surprise party. The evening was spent in games and other amusement.

—For Sale—9 pigs, eight weanlings. Also a few bushels of the great new potato, "The Dooley". Last season 10 lbs. of seed produced 6 bushels. Apply to W. Boies Noller, 3 miles east of village.

—Auction Sale—The next auction sale is at the farm of Mr. Wallace Campbell, one mile east of Jordan, on Tuesday 25th. A quantity of Farm stock will be offered. Seven months credit, sale at 12 o'clock noon. Jas. A. Livingstone, Auctioneer.

—Next Sunday evening the Rev. John Muir will deliver the first of two discourses on the ninth commandment which denounces false-witness bearing, taking as the subject of the first sermon, "The slanderer at work or the methods of the gossip and scandal monger."

—On Tuesday evening a number of Masonic brethren from Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, and Union Lodge, Grimsby visited Ivy Lodge, Bemerville, the occasion being the official visit of O. G. M. Lt. W. Bro. Connolly, of Dunville. After the 4th degree, for which Ivy is famous, the brethren returned by special car in the wee hours.

—Read this—Pants are like nooses, thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold weather. Men are often taken in pants. Such mistakes are "breaches" of promise. When men wear pants it is plural. When they don't it is "singular". When men go on a "tare" in their pants and it is all right, but when the pants go on a "tare" it is all wrong. If you want to make the pants last, make the coat first. Another way of making your pants "last" is to buy them at Farrar's, Warren Clothier, No. 5, Market Square.

—Some of our Canadian idioms are embarrassing and ambiguous to our friends. The other day a young gentleman lately arrived from the Old Country went to see an acquaintance who came across the Atlantic in the same steamer, and the lady said my daughters will be glad if you would stay and have tea with us, if you have no other engagement. He went there to call on a Canadian lady to whom he brought a letter of introduction; after a chat with her she said kindly, "My daughters would be so pleased to see you at supper with us to-morrow if you have 'nothing on'."

—Rev. R. J. Forman supplied the Pulpit for Rev. Mr. Awde in Merriton on Sabbath last.

—The furniture was placed in the old Bowsburgh homestead last week by Mr. W. de la Rosa, who will soon take up his residence there.

—Mr. Isaac Zimmerman, amateur Post master Beamsville, gave the Independent a call last week. No one in this country is more welcome.

—J. A. Livingstone will deliver an address on the progress of the past 25 years at the annual agricultural supper at Stoney Creek on Thursday evening Feb. 20th.

—For Sale—Ten acres choice land, partly planted. New buildings, eastern and cement cellar. Good location. Price \$1,600, if taken at once.

E. S. Jemmott.

—For Sale—Pair of democrat sleighs, three seats, all upholstered, nearly new; also pair of heavy bows, in first class condition. Apply to W. H. Neils, clerk and treasurer, North Grimsby.

—Hockey Match—The Welland and Grimsby Hockey teams will play a league game in VanDyke's rink on Thursday evening, Feb 20th. The 44th Regt. Band will be in attendance. Late cars both ways.

—For Sale—160 acres, in first class condition for either farming or fruit growing. Will be sold altogether or in small lots. Possession immediately. Six miles east from Hamilton, near Beach road station. Apply Mrs. H. J. Smith, Cherrybank Farm, Hamilton P. O.

—R. J. Staatsinger and family, of Cornwall Ont., have come to reside in Grimsby. Mr. Staatsinger has been employed in the Dairy business in Eastern Ontario, but he would like to engage in the fruit growing business, hence his removal here. At present he is living in Orie Neal's house on Ontario St.

—Erik Johnson, so well and favorable known as one of the salesmen in P. H. Gamble's store for the past seven years, opened out his own store on Monday morning. His stock is all now having been purchased within the past three months and Mr. Johnson will fix the prices so that he is bound to do a good trade.

—Court Grimsby No. 74 C. O. Y. will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst. After the regular business is transacted, the members will hold an "At Home" (as a reception to the new members) in the dining hall of the Mapson House. Representatives of the High Court and others will be present and speak. Every member of the Court is invited to be present.

—A rich sermonical treat is in store for the people of Grimsby. On Sunday, March 2nd, the Rev. Dr. James Henderson, associate missionary secretary, will preach in the Methodist church morning and evening. Dr. Henderson is known throughout Canadian Methodism as the prince of pulpit speakers. Grimsby is seldom favored with such a gifted divine. All should bear him at the morning or evening service, March 2nd.

—House cleaning—Mr. Lawrence Glass wishes to announce to the ladies of Grimsby and vicinity that he is preparing to take up carpets, clean and repair and re-lay them in first class style. Curtains, blinds, pictures & taken down cleaned and re-hung. He has had considerable city experience in this line and guarantees satisfaction. Prices reasonable. Orders may be left at the Independent or at his house on Elizabeth Street, Grimsby.

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—High School Inspector's Report.

The Secretary of the High School Board has received Inspector Hodgson's report. It does not, as indeed it could not, give a high rating on the accommodations, for of course we know the building, the lighting, heating, etc., are not up to date.

The real work of the school however, which is that of the teachers and scholars, we are glad to see, away up at the highest notch. Miss Strang has been engaged since his last inspection and he says: "I think the Board fortunate in having secured the services of Miss Strang, who gives promise of proving a highly successful teacher." The following are a few other extracts: "The general tone of the school is good and the work thorough"; "I am delighted to learn that there is a good prospect of a new building in the near future"; "The time-table is well arranged to suit the circumstances of the school"; "Division of duties among teachers, satisfactory"; "Discipline, excellent."

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SMALL FRUIT FARMS FOR SALE.

The undersigned have decided to divide up their 84 acre fruit farm, [Lot 12, Concession 1, and Brothers Front, North Grimsby], into small lots to suit purchasers, with frontage on North and South road. This farm is only one-half mile west of the Village of Grimsby and known as the Pitman's farm; with a very short distance of the trolley; has good frame house and large new basement barn; the entire south end of the farm is in orchard with choice fruits; easy terms of payment. Apply to

K. F. DWYER,
Security Loan & Savings Co., St. Catharines.

They go to church eight times a week, not less, for that's the law.

Service begins at half-past five and lasts till ten past four.

The ladies must be members of the W. C. T. U.,

Interfering with their neighbors is the task they find to do.

In matters of State Policy folks never disagree,

And the only party question there is water versus tea.

There are, also, some reptiles who think it not shame nor sin

To drink a cup of water hot with tea leaves steeped therein.

No now and then when times are dull and sermons somewhat trite,

To josh the ministers they hold a Water Plebiscite;

And as an ancient custom, come down from long ago,

They take a Referendum every couple of weeks or so.

Memorial Meeting.

The Grimsby Women's Temperance Union held a special meeting in memory of Miss Frances Willard on Tuesday Feb 18th at the home of Mrs Lucas. The Pres. Mrs Goodwin occupied the chair. Most of the members being presents as well as a number of visitors. A very interesting program had been prepared, Mrs Hollinrake gave the Bible lesson, Subjects, God promises, and rewards, to all who keep his Commandments, some of the men here gave very interesting reminiscences of their meetings with Miss Willard, while all cherished a loving memory of that noble woman, who was ever in the forefront of the battle against intemperance in every form. A choice selection of music was rendered, a number of new members added their names to the roll, a collection was taken for the W. C. T. U. around the World missionary, and a generous response to, altogether, the occasion, in a very flourishing condition.

Dairy Meeting.

A meeting in the interest of the Vimount Butter and Cheese Association will be held at Palmer's school house, No. 13, on Tuesday, Feb. 25th, 1902, at 7:30 p. m. A number of leading Dairymen will be present to address the meeting, amongst them will be the following speakers: J. J. Parson, Jarvis; E. Lee, F. M. Carpenter, Stoney Creek. The public cordially invited.

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The Secretary

Beamsville, Feb. 19

Seed—Pear, oats, barley, clover and timothy seed. Also Goldie's flour and mill meal in large or small quantities at Willoughby's.

Capt. Konkle's Troop.

Interesting Reminiscences of the War of 1837-1838.

BEAMSVILLE, Feb. 17, 1902

Editor Independent:

Sir—In answer to a communication from Ingervell which appeared in The Beamsville Express under date of Jan. 28th, 1902, referring to Capt. Konkle's Troop during the rebellion of 1837-38, who so promptly responded when duty called to arms. He said if it was only a sovereign, it would show that their patriotism was not forgotten. But, he added, with a quiet chuckle, it would have to be a British sovereign. He is very proud of the sword and pistol he wore 65 and 66 years ago, and keeps them bright and hung up in his parlor. The old Sergeant was one of the men who stood guard near Judge Hamilton's house, on the banks of the Niagara river, when the Caroline was fired, cut loose and went down the Niagara river and over the Falls. He said the pay for outfit and horses was from 50c to \$1.00 per day.

I also give the commission authorizing Capt. Konkle to raise the Troop, as follows:

Sir JOHN COBORNE, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c.

To Adam Konkle, Esquire, Greeting:

REPOSING especial confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct, I do hereby appoint you to be Captain in the Troop of Cavalry attached to the 4th Reg't of Lincoln Militia, (taking Rank and precedence from the 1st October, 1830) during pleasure, and of which Regiment Robert Nelles, Esquire, is Colonel. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Captain, and I do hereby Command the inferior Officers and Men of the said Militia to obey you as their Captain. And you are to observe and follow all such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from me, or any other your Superior Officer, according to Law.

Given under my Hand and Office Seal, at York, this First day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty One, and in the Second year of His Majesty's Reign.

J. COBORNE.
By His Excellency's Command
E. McMahon, A. D. C.

OFFICERS.

Capt. Adam Konkle; Lieutenant Hugh Hunter, Grimsby; Ensign Jeremiah Simmerman, Clinton; Sergeant George Muir, Grimsby; Corporal Mathias Durham, Clinton.

PRIVATE, CLINTON TOWNSHIP.

Henry Konkle, brother of the Captain; Adam Konkle and Mathias Konkle, sons of the Captain; Walter Summer and Robert Summer; Robert Henry, Brock Henry and Wm. Henry; James Patterson and Comfort Patterson; Wm. Saylor and Mathias Saylor; G. Teeter, Conrad Teeter, A. Graham Teeter and Isaac Teeter; Ira C. Couse, Benjamin Wilcox and Hamilton Wilcox; John Adler, Joseph Adler, Wm. Simmerman, Richard Hare, Buffalo Jim House, David B. Smith, A. Overholts, and John Fisher, Trumpeter for Troop.

PRIVATE, GRIMSBY TOWNSHIP.

James G. Pettit, Wm. Pettit, Jonathan Pettit and Ann Pettit; Isaac Walker and John Walker; Robert F. Nelles and J. A. Nelles; Robert Crooks and Wm. Crooks; Brock Palmer, J. Lewellen, Jacob Book, Wm. Henry, Henry Hixon, John Nixon, Joseph Moore, Robert Bennett, John Foster and Charles Woelverton.

On the 10th of February of the present year the writer took a run up into North Grimsby and had a chat with Supt. George Muir, who is still living in that township at the ripe old age of 92 years. He found the veteran, though tool-ridden with rheumatism and nearly blind, full of enthusiasm when the disturbances of 1837-38 were talked about, and he gave the writer many interesting reminiscences of those stirring times. The old gentleman, though laid aside through bodily infirmities, has a voice as strong and a mind as clear as in the days of his youth, and almost seemed to be young again as incident after incident of those long gone days were recalled. He spoke with pride of the gallantry and self-sacrifice of the Loyal Canadians who sprang to arms to repel the marauding rebels and their sympathizers, who fain would have torn the grand old flag from the proud position it holds over the heads and in the

hearts of loyal Canadians. The name of every member of the troop seemed stamped on his memory. On a list I had in my possession, being read to him, he mentioned the names of many that were omitted, and others, whose names were there, he said were not in the troop. He said that Capt. Konkle and his men brought their own outfit, uniform, saddle, bridle, spurs, and horse, at a cost of \$50.00 or over, not including horse. The Government purchased swords and pistols. He thought the government had not done right in not recognizing the services of the gallant men of 1837-38, who so promptly responded when duty called to arms.

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The writer will long remember the pleasant time he spent with the old veteran, recalling the scenes of his younger days. There are only three remaining of which the gallant troop was composed, namely: Sgt. George Muir, Grimsby, 92 years old; James O. Pettit, East Oxford, 85 years old; Henry F. Nixon, Scotland, Ont., 85 years old.

Hoping that the foregoing may be of interest to some of your readers, I remain, Yours very truly,

J. A. D. BENNETT.

Mr. Bennett has kindly loaned THE INDEPENDENT two letters, one written in 1837 and the other in 1838, one in reference to shoeing troop horses, the other about making cartridge boxes. They will appear next week.—Editor.

Hockey League Matches.

N. D. H. A.

Snow-Storm, Lemon Peel and 999
St. Catharines Standard.

Seven young men from Grimsby went down Wednesday night to the peaceful hamlet, which nestles close to old Ontario's frozen bosom, on that stormy night, and were snowed under in a blinding storm just as their eminent townsmen, D. J. McKinnon, will be buried under a heavy fall of snowy balls about the time the robins nest again. On the other hand, the seven sturdy sailors, reorganized, reinvited and reunited, under the command of Capt. Tommy Brown, danced a joyous hornpipe on the deck of the good ship "Victory," and thanked their lucky stars that their course on the downward path had been arrested.

The fruit growers brought about a dozen of their supporters with them, and there was a fragrant odor of lemon peel and other things clinging to old No. 999, which would indicate that fruit isn't the only article raised in Grimsby. A good crowd from St. Catharines went down to see the game, and in spite of the terrible weather there were fully 200 spectators at the rink.

At 8:42 p.m. the teams lined up in the following order:

Port Dalhousie (6)—Marshall, goal; Boardon, point; Stanton, cover; Houserry, Brown, Dwyer and McGinnis, forwards.

Grimsby (3)—Brown-Smith, goal; Groot, point; McNinch, cover; Durham, Angie, and Hughes, forwards.

Referee—J. M. Cameron.

Umpires—Wm. Johnson, J. O'Sullivan.

Timekeeper—A. E. Phipps, H. McNaught.

THE PORT BEATEN AT ST. KITTS.

Over three hundred people witnessed the game Friday night and it was probably the largest crowd that has turned out to a game in the city. St. Catharines went right in to win and in fourteen minutes had scored six goals. Things looked very blue for Port but they lived up and before the end of the half the score was seven to four. In the second half the game grew more interesting and Port showed to much better advantage and they scored five goals to the home boys' four. Ten minutes before time was called the teams were a tie and it was anybody's game but the Collegiate Institute hustlers drew two lucky ones and took the victory.

During the half Sherlock and Brown were ruled off for five minutes for slacking on the ice.

Kennedy put up the best game on the ice although Fletcher was in particular good form. During the first half he lifted one goal from the extreme end of the ice.

St. Catharines 11 Port Dalhousie 9

Goal.

Cunningham Marshall

Fletcher Point.

Boardon Cover.

Sherlock Stanton

Forwards.

Peterson Houserry

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Hodgetts Brown

Bradt McGinnis

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Timekeeper—J. M. Cameron, McNaught.

Umpires—O'Sullivan, J. Dawson.

GRIMSBY BEAT WELLAND BY 11 GOALS

TO 8.

One of the biggest surprises of the season to the hockeyists of Welland was the defeat of their team by the Grimsby septette on Friday evening last. The large rink was packed, fully five hundred people being present to see the game, and confident of the ability of their team to win.

At 8:30 the puck was put in motion and both sides played good fast hockey all through. The combination play of both teams was good, but both in this and in skating the visitors demonstrated their superiority, the score at half time being 8-4 in favor of Grimsby.

In the last half, Teeter tiring, owing to his recent illness, the Welland boys added four more goals to the visitors three, leaving Grimsby a margin of 11 goals to 8.

Referee Beatty, of Beamsville, gave perfect satisfaction, and both teams may be referred the best game they have played in this season.

The teams lined up as follows:

Grimsby Welland.

Goal.

Smith Ross

Groot Dwyer

McNinch Cover Point.

Angie Cutler

Teeter Harcourt

Durham Hagar

Hughes Peart

Forwards.

Smith Britton

Groot

McNinch

Angie

Teeter

Durham

Hughes

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THE INDEPENDENT.

JAS. A. LIVINGSTON, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19, 1902.

THE BONUS BY-LAW.

The by-law to bonus the Grimsby Manufacturing Company is a reasonable one. It is proposed to grant the company \$2500.00 and in return the company is to employ at least 25 men for 10 months in the year.

Of course it is reasonable to be expected that the number of men employed will be much larger. In fact once the works get properly going they will employ over 100 men and boys in the busy season, and it is the intention of the directors to keep the basket factory going the year round.

The agreement between the company and the village will provide that in case the former does not employ the number of hands stated in any year it will have to refund to the village \$250.

The rate to pay off the debenture and interest each year will not be very heavy, being less than 1 mill.

A rate payer assessed for \$500.00 would have to pay 49 cents per year. A person assessed for \$1000.00 would only have to pay 98 cents per year. There is no ratepayer in the village who would not be benefited to a greater extent than the tax, by the running of the works.

It will be in the best interest of the village that the by law pass.

THE PROHIBITION BILL.

On Wednesday Feb. 12th 1902 the Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, introduced in the Legislature at Toronto an act "respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Province of Ontario."

The act is in two parts, one dealing with the vote in the Referendum, which is to take place on October 14th 1902; and the other, which is practically a copy of the Manitoba Liquor Act of 1900, deals with the establishment of Prohibition in Ontario.

The act, if it passes this session and it is quite probable that it will, will not come into force in itself but may be brought into force on May 1st 1904 providing the referendum to be voted on in October carries. The basis for the voting on the Referendum will be the general elections of this year. There must be sufficient votes cast for Prohibition to equal more than one-half of the total number of votes cast at the general elections.

It will not be necessary to vote against Prohibition to annul the act, but it will be necessary to vote a very large vote in favor of it, to bring it into force. By a very large vote we mean at least 51 per cent of the total vote cast at the general election.

With the provisions of the act itself we do not propose to deal at this time but with regard to the Referendum we have something to say.

While we admit that Premier Ross did not keep faith with the Prohibitionists of this country yet we think his course in making use of the Referendum is a wise one.

A large number of people in Ontario is positively against Prohibition. A large number are careless about it. They don't care anything at all about the matter. A considerable number are indifferent in favor of Prohibition—that is they would respect it if it were the law but they would not work

Her Heart like a Pollution
Spring.—Mrs. James Sibley, Puko Island, Ont., says: "I was for five years afflicted with dyspepsia, constipation, heart disease and nervous prostration. I cured the heart trouble with Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and the other ailments vanished like mist. Had relief in half an hour after the first dose."—*ag*

Sold by P. B. Taylor.

very much to make it the law. There are a small percentage of the people who are red-hot prohibitionists.

Now it is absolutely necessary to get a majority of the people to show in some way that they really do favor a "Prohibitory Liquor Law" which is the easiest and best way! The Referendum.

The Referendum may not suit the temperance people. It may be that Ross is using it as a means of defeating prohibition. No matter. If this country won't carry that Referendum then it don't want Prohibition. If this country wants prohibition all it has to do is to vote for the Referendum. Quite simple is it not.

If the temperance people go earnestly about it and work hard till October they ought to be able to carry it. If they cannot carry it then Ontario don't want Prohibition.

We do not positively know but we judge that there are enough church members in Ontario to carry that Referendum if they go earnestly to work. If the church members won't get a hustle on, how do they expect to get Prohibition.

Don't sit sucking your thumbs and whining about Ross' duplicity. Get your skates on. Work, watch, pray and vote.

PROVISIONS OF THE PROHIBITION BILL.

The Act "respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Province of Ontario" is in two parts, and contains in all 223 clauses. The first part, which is practically an election Act, providing for the referendum, contains 104 clauses; the second part is a replica of the Manitoba Liquor Act of 1900, and contains 119 clauses for the establishment of prohibition in Ontario.

It is provided that the following question:—"Are you in favor of bringing into force 'The Liquor Act, 1902' shall be submitted to a vote of the electors on October 14th next, being the second Tuesday of the said month.

All persons whose names are on the lists of those entitled to vote at the next general election of members to serve in the Legislative Assembly shall be entitled to vote.

If the majority of the votes cast are in favor of the Liquor Act, 1902 (i.e., a measure of prohibition), and if the number of electors so voting exceeds one-half of the total vote cast at the coming Legislative elections, the prohibitory clauses shall become law by proclamation.

If carried at the polls on the above terms, the measure of prohibition contained in part II. is to come into effect on May 1st, 1904, that is, one year and a half after the referendum.

Licenses under the new Act to the classes of dealers permitted to sell under its provisions may, however, be issued at any time after the referendum is taken.

Part II. of the Act defines as prohibited liquor all fermented, spirituous, and malt liquors, and all drinkable liquors which are intoxicating.

Druggists' wholesale and retail licenses may be issued for the sale of these in specified quantities.

Under a wholesale license alcohol to the quantity of ten gallons may be sold to any person for mechanical and scientific purposes, and "liquor" to the quantity of five gallons to any physician or retail druggist.

Under a retail license a druggist may sell "liquor" to private individuals under bona-fide prescriptions. Dentists may purchase one pint for professional use only, and veterinary surgeons two gallons. Clergymen are permitted to purchase wine to the amount of two gallons for sacramental purposes.

All purchasers of liquor, with the exception of clergymen, are required to make affidavits.

A sick person is allowed to keep liquor in his room, if prescribed for him, but he must not let any other person drink it.

Nothing in the Act shall prevent the manufacture of liquor for export to another province or a foreign country, or for sale to a licensee under the Act.

Clubs and societies are prohibited from having liquor on their premises.

The Act contains no provision against the importation of liquors or the consumption in a private dwelling-house of such liquors purchased in the province. Boarding and lodging-houses are defined as public places, where consumption is prohibited.

A Dream That Saved a Ship.

Mr. Horace G. Hutchinson has written a book on "Dreams and their Meanings," full of curious facts and uncanny experiences, gathered from many sources.

The following story was told him by a Mr. Brighton, and is corroborated by an independent witness:

"I owned a thirty-five ton schooner, and in August, 1876, in very calm weather, I dropped anchor in the Thames at the north shore, opposite Gravesend, as it was impossible to get to the other side, there being no wind.

"Towards morning I found myself lying awake in my cabin, with the words ringing in my ears, 'Wake wake—you'll be run down!' I waited a few moments, then dropped off to sleep, but was awakened by the same ringing in my ears.

"Upon this I leisurely put on some clothes and went on deck, and found the tide rushing past very swiftly, and that we were enveloped in a dense fog. I paced the dock once or twice, then went below, undressed, got into my berth, and fell asleep, only to be again awakened by the same words.

"I then somewhat more hastily dressed and went on deck, and climbed some way up the rigging to get above the fog, and was soon in a bright, clear atmosphere, with the fog like a sea at my feet, when, looking round, I saw a large vessel bearing down directly upon us.

"I fell, rather than scrambled, out of the rigging, rushed to the forecastle, shouted to the captain, who rushed on deck, and explained all in a word or two; he ran to the tiller, unashed it, put it hard a-port; the swift current, acting upon the rudder, caused the boat to slew across and upward into the current, when on came the large vessel, passing our side, and it would have cleared us, but her anchor, which she was carrying (having lifted it in consequence of having heaved anchor at low tide with very little ballast), caught in our chain, when she swung round and came alongside—fortunately, however, doing us very little damage.

"I cannot think that it was really a human voice, as in consequence of the fog no one could have seen the relative positions of the vessels, and no other vessels were near us, within half-a-mile or more."

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Dr. TAPP BROS., MEDICINE CO.,
Avon, N.Y., Feb. 1, 1901.

Gentlemen.—I write this testimonial from a sense of duty, having tested the wonderful effect of your Asthmalene, for the cure of Asthma. My wife has been afflicted with spasmodic Asthma for the past 12 years. Having exhausted my own skill as well as many others, I chanced to see your sign upon your windows on 130th street, New York, I at once obtained a bottle of Asthmalene. My wife commenced taking it about the first of November. I very soon noticed a radical improvement. After using one bottle her Asthma has disappeared and she is entirely free from all symptoms. I feel that I can confidently recommend the medicine to all who are afflicted with this distressing disease.

Yours respectfully,
O. D. PRELIP, M.D.

Feb. 5, 1901.

Dr. TAPP BROS., MEDICINE CO.,
Gentlemen.—I was troubled with Asthma for 22 years. I have tried numerous remedies, but they have all failed. I ran across your advertisement and started with a trial bottle. I found relief at once. I have since purchased your full size bottle, and I am ever grateful. I have family of four children, and for six years was unable to work. I am now in the best of health and am doing business every day. This testimony you can make use of as you see fit.

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My annual Clearing Sale is now in full swing. In addition to the hundreds of pairs being offered at half price, I am offering this week ten per cent off the regular price of any shoe in the store.

I have cancelled the agency for the "Slater Shoes" and have secured the agency for the "Hagar Shoes" which are the most desirable line of shoes in Canada. I will have a full stock of these celebrated shoes about March 1st. This week ten per cent will be taken off the stamped price of all Slater Shoes.

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Flowers of the Frost.
By A. Baker.

In a recent article of this series reference was made to the extreme beauty and loveliness of the trees of the forest after a heavy hoar frost had clothed their sprays and branches in a pure white vestal garb of crystal; spangling the conifers in landscape into a very fairy land of crystalline sublimity.

But not the trees and shrubs of the sylvan glades only are thus metamorphosed from the leafless, dormant sleep of winter into visions of sparkling beauty; for the humbler vegetation is also clothed by the icy breath of the north in an ever varied enrichment of graceful adornment. Blades of the long couch grass, lying prone upon the ground, are ornamented like the tail feathers of the handsome Australian lyre bird, but more beautiful even than that most graceful of all the feathered race; for if examined with the aid of a magnifying lens, the rows of delicate spicules, symmetrically arranged on each side of the curved blade, are found to be geometric crystals of startling loveliness, each pretty spicule itself embellished with rows of minute, regularly-formed snowy prisms, or barbed javelins.

The expense of heather presents now a sparkling floral display of pure white full-bloomed inflorescence; every seeded pod being now enveloped in a girdled sheath of glittering point, transmuting the dead vesicles into a broad stretch of shining flowers, more beautiful even than the bright purple parent of early autumn. And later on, as the low slanting rays of the noon-day sun have attained some little power, and the frost succumbs before the slowly advancing warmth, the tiny hanging drops of water which have taken the place of the frost crystals now scintillate and sparkle in all colours of the rainbow, as if the heather were bearing clusters of polished diamonds.

Here and there the hard sandy path is strewn with snow-flowers resembling that most coveted by mountaineers of the Alpine region, the pretty snow-born, altitude-loving Edelweiss. Mostly, perhaps, always, decorated with six ornamental petals, these hoary flowers of the frost when examined with the lens present innumerable varieties of form and design. In some the six petals are feathered with minute regularly arranged shining spicules; others have a long lance headed barbed shaft projecting from the centre of each petal; while some are ornamented with a lace work decoration surrounding the geometrically designed central flower.

And everything is beautiful. All nature seems to be revelling in the glory and elegant grace of the frosty scene. Even the singing birds, though mid-winter, have commenced to attune their melodious lays, and are extolling forth their delight; though perhaps not with that rollicking hilarity and blithe some gaiety which marks their note when the year is in its prime, and the life-sustaining solar warmth has clothed all nature in its summer garb.

And then the thought occurs that in those realms of glory above, whatever the glories and the beauties be, this form of snowy beauty must be absent. Ah! but surely those who, having gained an entry through faith in the all-prevailing atonement of the Saviour of the world, by which their sins have been for ever expiated, will have the power to explore the whole wide circle of the universe, and, with far more penetrating eye than they now possess, will, if they wish, visit on angel wing all the beauties and all the magnificence of that tremendous realm.

Canadian Cattle in Aberdeenshire.

The removal of the British embargo on Canadian cattle is evidently still a live question in Scotland, as shown by the following item from a recent issue of the "North British Agriculturist", a paper which has strongly opposed the free admission of Canada "Beefs".

"A rather curious debate for a

Barnum's Monkeys

"All well—all happy—lots of fun". That is the regular report from the monkey cage of Barnum's Circus ever since the keepers began dosing the monkeys with Scott's Emulsion. Consumption was carrying off two thirds of them every year and the circus had to buy new ones.

One day a keeper accidentally broke a bottle of Scott's Emulsion near the monkey cage and the monkeys eagerly lapped it up from the floor. This suggested the idea that it might do them good. Since then the monkeys have received regular doses and the keepers report very few deaths from consumption. Of course it's cheaper to buy Scott's Emulsion than new monkeys—and that suits the circus men.

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Literary Society. "Should the restrictions on Canadian cattle be removed?" was held in the Public Hall, New Deer under the auspices of the local Literary Society. The local papers said that there was large attendance and considerable interest was taken in the debate. Mr. Nilus, coachbuilder, supported the negative, and Mr. Godman, of Nains of Federate, the affirmative. Mr. Nilus made an able speech in favor of his, pointing out the injury that would be done to small farmers and crofters who depended mainly on their stock for a living, were Canadians admitted; but Mr. Godman who argued mainly on Free Trade theories was one too many for him and in the end carried the affirmative by a considerable majority. The great majority of those present were not farmers at all, but the vote shows how opinion may go even in this large cattle breeding country.

The Backache Stage may be just that incipient form of kidney disease which, if neglected, will develop into stubborn and distressing disorder that will take long tedious treatment to cure. Don't neglect the "backache stage" of the most insidious of diseases. South American Kidney Cure stops the ache in six hours and cures—30.

Read by P. B. Fowler.

W. C. T. U.

Cheerfulness
One of the first "fruits of the Spirit" that the world expects to see manifested in every Christian life is cheerfulness. It is justly asserted by worldly minded people that if we as Christians fully believe that we are safe for time and eternity, such faith should bring to our hearts a peace and joy unsuplanted that a gloomy moment would be unknown to us.

And why not be cheerful? Surely if there is a person on earth who should be cheerful, it is the man or woman who has, by faith in our divine Master, become a child of God, and, therefore, an heir to, and partaker in, all the promises and blessings that must be ours as sure as God's word is true. We all like the man whose cheerfulness is not dependent upon the weather or the condition of the market. Happy is the home, and the church, and the

community, that is blessed by such persons. The cheerful, joyous Christian is like a ray of Heavenly sunshine, no matter where he may be found. Worldly disadvantages have no terror for him. In fact, some of the happiest people on earth are those who, although hidden in some obscure corner, are faithfully doing their duty every moment of every day, and singing while they do it. Let us resolve that we will show a cheerful face, no matter how dark the clouds may that gather around us, and thus show to the world that we have an indwelling peace that passes all understanding!

Wilfred Lucas in Redlands Cal. (Redlands Daily Facts.)

A crowded house, an appreciative audience and a group of finished artists all combined to make the Spinot Concert given last evening in the Auditorium a decided success.

The program was varied and interesting, presenting selections from the classic compositions of Handel, the florid style of Verdi, Grieg's weird creation and the emotional school as represented by Chaminade and Ries. In the song cycle, by Alexander von Fielitz, was included the entire range of musical expression. Wilfred Lucas interpreted with exquisite fidelity, being especially fine in the subdued melancholy of "Silent Woe," the tender passion of "Ross" and the naive simplicity of "Child Voices." Mr. Lucas has a remarkably fine baritone voice, full of expression, and yet so admirably controlled that one feels that the singer has never reached the limit of his powers. Mrs. K. H. Spoor accompanied delightfully, never permitting the piano part to obtrude in the slightest degree.

Mr. Lucas is soloist and choral director in one of the large city churches in Redlands.

HOW THE KLONDYKE WAS DISCOVERED.

A Unique Marriage Gift.
According to Mr. James Burnell, who tells the story in his book, "Sights of Success," the discoverer of the Klondyke goldfields was one George Carmack, a penniless adventurer. The way in which his find came about was singularly romantic. In the course of his wanderings in Alaska he came upon a camp of Indians, who were feasting and dancing. One of the Indian girls, stepping aside from the dance, crept up to him and asked him why he was so sad. Her pleading ways and tender voice awoke such emotion in him that he told her the story of his adventures, his vain search for gold, and his helplessness; and before they parted that night she whispered to him, "Meet me at the head of the river tomorrow, and I will tell you this, go to make you glad."

"The girl was Takish Kate, of the Alaskan tribe. The next day they met at the appointed place, and inviting him into her canoe, she paddled him up the river, and again promised to tell him things to make him glad. It was then that her woman's native artfulness came to her aid. She loved the man, and when he talked about going back to his own people, she implored him to stay and she would make him rich; but there was one condition—when she revealed her secret it must be as a marriage gift of the wife to the husband.

"Whether Carmack was as much in love with the Indian maiden as she was with him may be doubted. Be that as it may, the couple were married, Takish Kate became Mrs. George Carmack, and there was a feast of plenty lasting three days, at which red chiefs from far and near assembled. This was in the autumn of 1891, and Takish Kate's husband had to wait

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Read by P. B. Fowler.

GRIMSBY SOCIETIES.

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COURT FREESTONE, No. 220, I. O. F. meets in Society Hall, last Wednesday of month. M. E. Lymburner, C.R. G. A. Testor, Secy.

COURT GRIMSBY, No. 74, C. O. F. meets last Tuesday of month in Society Hall. DAVID ALLEN, C.R. W. F. RANDALL, Secy.

G RIMSBY LODGE, No. 106, A. O. U. W. meets second and fourth Fridays, in Society Hall. W. E. COWAN, M. W. B. VAN DYKE, Recorder.

L O. A., GRIMSBY LODGE, No. 1709, meets in Society Hall, Thursday on or before the full moon. JAS A. LIVINGSTON, Wm. Master. J. ZIMMERMAN, Recy. Secy.

UNION LODGE, No. 2, A. F. & A. M. meets Thursday on or before full moon. Macmillan Hall. A. E. PHIPPS, W. M. W. B. VANDYKE, Secy.

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Smithville, Feb. 19

W. G. Tanner now of Vancouver, B.C., son of our townsmen, Mr. John Tanner, and who is a broker in the above-city, has been successful in negotiating the large mining deal of the Marble Bay mines. Succeeding in selling the same to a Tacoma syndicate, for \$200,000.00. Mr. Tanner is to be congratulated on his success in this extensive deal.

Bert Brant was home on Monday night. Arch. Dean Houston, Niagara, was in town for a few days this week, attending a missionary meeting.

Rev. A. B. Higginson returned from his holidays on Saturday evening.

Rev. F. D. Roxburgh was in Hamilton on Sabbath, occupying the pulpit of the Eskimo church, while Mr. Martin was here preaching anniversary sermons.

The Anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, were held on Sabbath and Monday. Rev. Mr. Martin of Eskimo Church, Hamilton, preached both morning and evening on Sabbath, very acceptably. On Monday tea was served in the Manse by the ladies of the congregation, after which a program of a musical and literary nature was presented in the church in which the Misses Vera and Mildred Wilson, sang; Miss Fraser gave a number of recitations (these ladies are from Hamilton.) The following, also took part: Miss Lizzie Gwendolyn Brand, Mr. M. O. Merritt, Mr. Roxburgh, and the members of the Church Choir. The proceeds of both days amounted to about \$50.00.

The teachers and students held a surprise party at Trustee Taylor's on Friday evening, when a very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent.

Rev. F. D. Roxburgh was up to Grassies on Tuesday, completing arrangements for the Muir Settlement Anniversary Services next Sunday and Monday.

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South Grimsby Council

The municipal council of the township of South Grimsby met pursuant to adjournment at Brant's Hall, Smithville, on Saturday, Feb. 15, 1902.

Members all present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The township auditors presented their report.

Moved by Mr. Telfer, seconded by Mr. Halstead, that the auditors' report be received and adopted, and that they be paid the sum of \$5.00 each for their services. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Halstead, seconded by Mr. Telfer, that the resignation of A. L. Nelson as road commissioner for the western road division of this township be accepted. Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Patterson and Middaugh, a by-law was introduced and passed appointing fence-viewers and pound-keepers in the township of South Grimsby for the year 1902.

The following are the appointments,

viz:

Fence-viewers—Elgin Oill, Farmer Merritt, J. H. Bucklee, Silas Wardell and Alva P. McCollom.

Pound-keepers—Isaac Wardell, Caleb J. Nelson, Benjamin Little, S. H. Cartwright, Emerson Poor, Andrew A. Jacobs, Albert Blanchard, J. H. Schweitzer and Samuel McIntyre.

Moved by Mr. Telfer, seconded by Mr. Halstead, that Gilbert Wong be paid the sum of \$500.00 on note drawn in his favor by the corporation of South Grimsby in the year 1900, and that the receiver issue his cheque for the same. Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Halstead and Middaugh, a by-law was introduced and passed appointing road commissioners for the township of South Grimsby.

The persons appointed are: For Smithville—Abel Sprague; Eastern Division—Albert J. Stewart; Western Division—Abraham Simonsen.

Moved by Mr. Telfer, seconded by Mr. Halstead, that the clerk be instructed to write the different saw mill men in the vicinity for tenders for 3,000 feet of white oak plank 2½ in. thick and 16 ft. long; also 600 feet of stringers 4x6 in. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Middaugh, that sound tenders be advertised for to furnish power, either steam or horse, for operating road machine during the season of 1902. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet at Brant's Hall, March 22nd, at 10 o'clock a.m.
 EDWARD IRVINE, Clerk.

Note—The Auditors' Abstract will appear next week.

Gainsboro Council.

The council met at Wellandport, Feb. 10th. The members were all present.

Communications were read from Miss F. E. Schram in regard to the settlement of her claim for damages, and from the Sawyer-Massey Co. re moulds for concrete pipe.

E. A. McPherson and W. L. Folker, auditors, presented their report.

Moved by Messrs. Comfort and Butler, that the auditors' report be received, that the clerk get one hundred copies printed, and that the auditors be paid \$4.00 each. Carried.

Moved by Messrs. Jamison and Comfort, that George Jackson do his road work on the creek road beat No. 7. Carried.

The following bills were passed and paid:

Miss F. E. Schram, damages, \$25.00;

H. Jamison, refund of dog tax, \$5.00; W. Leidens, refund of dog tax, \$5.00; James Myder, valuing sheep, \$1.00; W. Miesner, collecting \$50.00, postage, etc., \$2.00; \$53.00; Home Circle Hall, for nomination meeting, \$2.00; Home Circle Hall, council and Board of Health meetings, \$2.00; Walter Miesner, hall, \$1.30.

On motion of Messrs. Jamison and Comfort, a by-law was passed appointing township officers.

Council adjourned to meet at Blomarek on April 7th.

Anniversary at St. Anne.

A grand tea meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, St. Anne, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25th, 1902.

Dours open at 6. Tea served at 7.

Admission 25c.

Farmers Institute Meetings.

Meetings of the Lincoln Farmer's Institute will be held as follows.

The chair will be taken at 1.30 and 7.30 p. m. sharp, at both afternoon and evening sessions.

TOWN HALL, GRIMSBY, FEB. 22.

President's Address.

"Soil Cultivation," D. C. Anderson, Rugby.

"Seed Storage and Transportation," A. H. Pettit.

"Fertilizers," John Barton, Weston.

Evening Session.

Chairman's Address.

"Window Gardening," John Barton.

"Poultry on the Farm," D. C. Anderson.

BRAMSVILLE, FEB. 24.

President's Address.

"Green Crops as Fertilizers," D. C. Anderson.

"Basement Stables," S. Hunter.

"Farmer's Garden," John Barton.

Evening Session.

Chairman's Address, Rev. W. J. Andrews.

"Window Gardening," John Barton.

"Observations in Foreign Fruit Markets," W. H. Rittenhouse.

"The Farm as a Financial Investment," D. C. Anderson.

JORDAN, FEB. 25.

President's Address.

"Farmer's Garden," John Barton.

"Strawberry Culture," Rev. E. B. Stevenson.

"Green Crops as Fertilizers," D. C. Anderson.

Evening Session.

Chairman's Address.

"Window Gardening," John Barton.

"Canadian Fruit at Pan-American," W. H. Bunting.

"Advantages of Farm Life," D. C. Anderson.

GRASSIES CORNERS

E. Adkins, Fulton, was in town on Monday.

Mrs. R. H. Walker was visiting in Barrie on Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Muir was the guest of Mrs. J. Armstrong, Bramsville, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Zuchwigg gave a hop at their residence last Friday night.

Miss E. Omestad, Grimsby, is the guest of Mrs. G. W. Muir.

W. H. Stainland is relieving the agent, Mr. Kitchen, in Jerseyville.

It is reported that their will be a town hall erected here.

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Smithville.

February 15th, 1902.

ABINGDON.

On Friday last the home belonging to J. W. Harvey, and occupied by Mr. Lee, was destroyed by fire. All the household effects were saved. It was insured in the Saltfleet and Binbrook Mutual Ins. Coy. We understand three young men from this place, called on some friends at Tweedside one night last week, and from all accounts they seem to have met with a warm reception. Mr. W. Barnes has been moving some of his heavy machinery to Ryndal, preparatory to starting work there in the spring.

Mr. Robert White called at W. J. Patterson's, Tweedside, last Saturday evening. Remarks are unnecessary.

W. N. Marshall intends building a brick house in the spring.

The old custom of sending Valentine's on the 14th, seems to be reviving again if we can judge by the number that were floating around here.

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North Grimsby Council.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, 13th February. Members all present. Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Communications were read from: J. A. Livingston agreeing to do the printing for 1902, for \$30.00; from M. F. Ainslie, enclosing petition to Legislature to have Reeves of Municipalities, constitute County Councils; from H. G. & H., enclosing cheque for 5th instalment as per by-law 117.

The petition of John Hills and 10 others re cattle by-law, was read.

Beamer—Walker—That the offer of J. A. Livingston for printing be accepted. Carried.

Beamer—Hager—That the Reeve and Clerk be instructed to sign the petition sent by Township of Blenheim, asking for a change in the County Council Act, and forward it to the member for Lincoln. Carried.

Beamer—Neller—That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to borrow money for current expenses. The by-law was read and passed.

Beamer—Hager—That the trustee on the road allowance between lots 6 and 7, in the 6th concession, be sold to Edwin Parsons for \$3, and that he be given 3 years to remove the same, unless the road should be required for public travel. Carried.

Beamer—Walker—That the Clerk notify Jacob Book and Hugh Vaughan, that they must appear at the next meeting of this Council and show by what authority, they cut the Chestnut tree on the Park road. Carried.

Hager—Beamer—That Bards Smith and Geo. A. VanDusen be appointed members of the Public Library Board, and the sum of \$120.00 be granted to the Library for 1902 and that the same be paid, \$80.00 cash, and the balance 1st December. Carried.

Neller—Beamer—That the following accounts be paid: Stuart Walker, \$24.20; J. S. Morris, \$2.30; Board of Health, \$7; Jim Terryberry, shovelling snow, \$20.70; R. A. Huest, \$9.55; Geo. Marlow, \$13.93; Adam Teeter, \$3.80; Geo. Douglas, \$10.40; F. Southward, \$1.00; A. Starch, clean. ditch &c., \$9.50; Alvin Althouse, rebate statute labor \$1; W. H. Neller, registrations, 1902, \$10.20; W. W. Beamer, school house, none, \$2.

Neller—Beamer—That the Council do now adjourn to meet Saturday 29th March, at 10 a. m. Carried.

Methodist Church Anniversary.

As averted the anniversary services of the re-opening of the Methodist church five years ago were held last Sunday. Rev. James Avis. R. A. who was pastor when the church was rebuilt was the preacher of the day. In the morning the theme was "The Christian Jubilee" and inspiring lessons were drawn from the Jewish year of Jubilee. The text was Luke 4:19. The gospel is universal in its application, it is a gospel of liberty for the enslaved, of enrichment to the poor, of healing for the brokenhearted.

In the evening the large congregation listened with intensest interest for over an hour to one who is a master in description power, "A visit to Galilee in 1900, the Haunts and Haunts of Jesus" was the subject, and it was treated as it could be only by one who had come for himself with the keen and discerning eyes of the scholar and the

Scoliosis put him on Crutches.
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Christian. Nazareth, Can., the mount on which the beatitudes were spoken, Capernaum, the lake and its surroundings were described so that they seemed almost present to the vision. The associations of the places called from the speaker many sublime thoughts, couched in language which in some passages for beauty of diction is seldom heard.

The special music was good in character and was all rendered in a most creditable manner. In the morning besides Gossard's Chorus, "Praise ye the Father" Milford Sedor sang, "The Plains of Peace" by Bernard; in the evening the solo in the anthem, "Call to remembrance" by Novello was sung by Mrs. Anderson, and with her in the quartette parts were Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Mitchell and Son. The duet "My faith looks up to Thee" arranged from Lechner by Bischoff was sung by Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Harrison.

The pastor on behalf of the trustees asked for a contribution of \$100 and the generous response of \$116 was placed on the pates. Rev. Mr. Hollinrake and the church must feel gratified with the success of their anniversary.

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By-Law No. . . . Of the Village of Grimsby.

A by-law to grant aid by way of bonus to the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to the Grimsby Manufacturing Co., Limited, for the purpose of enabling the said Company to maintain and operate the business of Manufacturing Agricultural Implements and Fruit Baskets, in the Village of Grimsby.

Whereas, the Grimsby Manufacturing Company, Limited, have asked the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Grimsby to aid and assist them in some way to maintain and operate their business in the said Village.

And whereas, this Council, after a careful consideration of the several propositions which have been advanced in behalf of the said Company, have for reasons which to them seem good and sufficient, determined that the granting of a bonus to the said Company, would, under the circumstances be the best plan of aiding and assisting the said Company.

And whereas, the business carried on by the Company, has in the past proved to be of great benefit to the Village and its citizens—and that the loss of the business would prove to be a serious detriment.

And whereas, the said Company will agree to employ 20 men for 12 months each year, during a term of 10 years, and operate the business of Manufacturing Agricultural Implements and Fruit Baskets at their works within the Corporation of the Village of Grimsby.

And whereas, the said agreement of the said Company with the said Council will stipulate that the sum of \$250.00 will be considered as earned during each year that the Company operates the business according to the terms and conditions of the said agreement, and will agree to repay to the said Village, the amount of un-earned bonus, at the rate of \$250 per year, for each and every year, during a term of ten years, in case the business is not carried on according to the terms and conditions of the said agreement.

And whereas, it will be necessary to raise by way of loan upon the credit of the debentures of the said Corporation the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars to be repaid by instalments within twenty years, as hereinafter mentioned, and thereby contract a debt to that amount for the purpose aforesaid:

And whereas the total amount required to be raised to pay instalments of principal and interest to the sum of \$2500.00.

And whereas the whole ratable property of the municipality of the Village of Grimsby, according to the last revised assessment roll, is \$227,285.00.

And whereas the present existing debt of the said municipality is \$3985.57; \$3182.75 being for principal and \$782.79 for interest; none of the said existing debt being in arrears.

And whereas it will require an average annual sped rate of \$4/100 mills on the dollar for paying the said instalments of principal and interest as they respectively become due.

And whereas this by-law requires the assent of the duly qualified electors of the said Municipality before the final passing thereof.

Therefore the municipal council of the Village enacts as follow:

That it shall be lawful for the Reeve of the Village of Grimsby to cause to be raised by way of loan from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the debentures hereinafter mentioned a sum of money, not exceeding on the whole \$2500.00, and cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Village for the purpose aforesaid. It shall be lawful for the said Reeve to cause the debentures necessary for the sum required to be made of not less than \$100 and not exceeding on the whole \$2500, said debenture to be sealed with the corporate seal of the said Village and signed by the Reeve and Treasurer thereof.

That the said debentures shall be made payable at the Bank of Hamilton in Grimsby on the 15th day of December in each of the next succeeding twenty years commencing with the year 1902, for the amount following, including interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

Payable.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
Dec. 15, 1902	\$125	\$100	\$225
1903	125	85	210
1904	125	75	210
1905	125	65	200
1906	125	55	200
1907	125	45	200
1908	125	35	200
1909	125	25	200
1910	125	15	200
1911	125	10	200
1912	125	5	175
1913	125	0	175
1914	125	0	175
1915	125	0	175
1916	125	0	175
1917	125	0	175
1918	125	0	175
1919	125	0	175
1920	125	0	175
1921	125	0	175

\$2500 \$1030

That the said Debentures shall be dated the 17th day of March, 1902, and the interest and principal shall be included in Debentures as arranged in foregoing section.

That for the purpose of paying said Debentures and interest, a special rate sufficient for the purpose shall be added to all other rates to be assessed, levied and collected in each year on all the ratable property of the said Municipality during the continuance of said Debentures, or any of them, except said Debentures shall be sooner paid.

The voter of the duly qualified electors, entitled to vote upon this by-law, shall be taken on the 14th day of March, 1902, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, and the Clerk of the said Village shall be the Returning Officer to take the votes at the Town Hall in the said village.

That on the 10th day of March, 1902, at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening, at the Clerk's Office, the appointment of persons to attend at the final summing up of votes by the Clerk, respectively, on behalf of the persons interested in and promoting or opposing the passing of this by law, shall be made.

That immediately after the close of the poll on the 11th day of March, 1902, the said Clerk shall sum up the number of votes for and against the by-law.

That this by-law shall come in force and have effect from and after the final passing thereof by the Council.

Take notice that the foregoing is a true copy of a proposed by-law which has been taken into consideration and will be passed by the council in the event of the amount of the electors being obtained after one month from the first publication in the Grimsby INDEPENDENT newspaper, the first publication being on February 12, 1902. By-law read a first and second time at an adjourned meeting of the village council held on Feb. 11th, 1902.

JAMES BRODIE, Clerk.

Grimsby, February 11th, 1902.

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Continued from last week.

The gaoler—he looks hard—he has to do that, there's more than one or two within here that would have him by the throat, with his heart's blood running, in half a minute, if they had their way, and the warden was off guard. He knows that very well. But he's not a bad-hearted chap.

"You can have books, or paper and pens, anything you like," he said. "You unfortunate young beggar, until you're turned off."

"If I'd only had you to see after me when I was young," says I—

"Come, don't whine," he said, then he burst out laughing. "You didn't mean it, I see. I ought to have known better. You're not one of that sort, and I like you all the better for it."

Well, here goes. Lots of pens, a big bottle of ink, and ever so much foolscap paper, the right sort for me, or I shouldn't have been here. I'm blessed if it doesn't look as if I was going to write copies again. Don't I remember how I used to go to school in old times; the rides there and back on the old pony; and pretty little Grace Storafield that I was so fond of, and used to show her how to do her lessons. I believe I learned more that way than if I had only myself to think about. There was another girl, the daughter of the soundkeeper, that I wanted her to beat; and the way we both worked, and I coached her up, was a caution. And she did get above her in her class. How proud we were! She gave me a kiss, too, and a bit of her hair. Poor Gracey! I wonder where she is now, and what she'll think if she saw me here to-day. If I could have looked ahead, and seen myself—chain'd now like a dog, and going to die a dog's death this day month!

Anyhow, I must make a start. How do people begin when they set to work to write their own sayings and doings? There's been a deal more doing than talking in my life—it was the wrong sort—now's the pity.

Well, let's see; his parents were poor, but respectable. That's what they always say. My parents were poor, and mother was no good a soul as ever broke bread, and wouldn't have taken a shilling's worth that wasn't her own if she'd been starving. But as for father, he'd been a poacher in England, a Lincolnshire man he was, and got sent out for it. He wasn't much more than a boy, he said, and it was only for a here or two which didn't seem much. But I begin to think, being able to see the right of things a bit now, and having no bad grug inside of me to turn a fellow's head upside down, as poaching must be something like cattle and horse rustling—not the worst thing in the world itself, but mighty likely to lead to it.

Dad had always been a hard-working, steady-going sort of chap, good at most things, and like a lot more of the Government men, as the convicts were always called round our part, he saved some money as soon as he had done his time, and married mother, who was a simple emigrant girl just out from Ireland. Father was a square-built, good-looking chap, I believe, then; not so tall as I am by three inches, but wonderfully strong and quick on his pins. There did say as he could hammer any man in the district before he got old and stiff. I never saw him 'shape' but once, and then he rolled into a man big enough to eat him, and polished him off in a way that showed me—though I was a bit of a boy then—that he'd been at the game before. He didn't ride so bad either, though he hadn't had much of it where he came from; but he was afraid of nothing, and had a quiet way with colts. He could make pretty good play in thick country, and ride a roughish horse, too.

Well, our farm was on a good little flat, with a big mountain in front, and a scrubby, rangy country at the back for miles. People often asked him why he chose such a place. "It suits me," he used to say, with a laugh, and talk of something else. We could only raise about enough corn and potatoes, in a general way, for ourselves from the flat; but there were other chances and pickings which helped to make the pot boil, and them we'd have been a deal better without.

First of all, though our cultivation paddock was small, and the good land seemed

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squeezed in between the hills, there was a narrow track up the creek, and here it widened out into a large well-grassed flat. This was where our cattle ran, for, of course, we had a team of workers and a few milkers when we came. No one ever took up a farm in those days without a dray and a team, a year's rations, a few horses and milkers, pigs and fowls, and a little furniture. They didn't collar a 40-acre selection, as they do now—spend all their money in getting the land and squat down as bare as robins—a man with his wife and children all under a sheet of bark, nothing on their backs, and very little in their bellies. However, some of them do pretty well, though they do say they have to live on 'possums for a time. We didn't do much, in spite of our grand start.

The flat was well enough, but there were other places in the gullies beyond that that father had dropped upon when he was out shooting. He was a tremendous chap for poking about on foot or on horseback, and though he was an Englishman, he was what you call a born bushman. I never saw any man almost as was his equal. Wherever he'd been once, there he could take you to again; and what was more, if it was in the dead of the night he could do it just the same. People said he was as good as a blackfellow, but I never saw one that was as good as he was, all round. In a strange country, too. That was what beat me—he'd know the way the creek ran, and noticed when the cattle headed to camp, and a lot of things that other people couldn't see, or if they did, couldn't remember again. He was a great man for solitary walks, too—he and an old dog he had, called Crib, a cross-bred mongrel-looking brute, most like what they call a lurcher in England, father said. Anyhow, he could do most anything but talk. He could bite to some purpose, drive cattle or sheep, catch a kangaroo, if it wasn't a regular flyer, fight like a bull-dog, and swim like a retriever, track anything, and fetch and carry, but bark he wouldn't. He'd stand and look at dad as if he worshipped him, and he'd make him a sign and off he'd go like a child that's got a message. Why he was so fond of the old man we boys couldn't make out. We were afraid of him, and as far as we could see he never patted or made much of Crib. He thrashed him unmercifully as he did us boys. Still the dog was that fond of him you'd think he'd like to die for him there and then. But dogs are not like boys, or men either—better, perhaps.

Well, we were all born at the hut by the creek, I suppose, for I remember it as soon as I could remember anything. It was a snug hut enough, for father was a good bush carpenter, and didn't turn his back to any one for splitting and fencing, hut-building, and shingle-splitting; he had half a year or two at sawing, too, but after he was married he stopped that. But I've heard mother say that he took great pride in the hut when he brought her to it first, and said it was the best-built hut within fifty miles. He split every slab, cut every post and wallplate and rafter himself, with a man to help him at odd times; and after the frame was up, and the bark on the roof, he camped underneath and finished every bit of it—chimney, flooring, doors, windows, and partitions—by himself. Then he dug up a little garden in front, and planted a dozen or two peaches and quinces in it; put a couple of roses—a red and a white one—by the posts of the verandah, and it was all ready for his pretty Norah, as she says he used to call her then. If I've heard her tell about the garden and the quince trees and the two roses once, I've heard her tell it a hundred times. Poor mother! we used to get round her—Aileen, and Jim, and I—and say, "Tell us about the garden, mother." She'd never refuse; those were her happy days, she always said. She used to cry afterwards—nearly always.

The first thing almost that I can remember was riding the old pony, "Possum, out to bring in the milkers. Father was away somewhere, so mother took us all out and put me on the pony, and let me

have a whip. Aileen walked alongside, and very proud I was. My legs stuck out straight on the old pony's fat back. Mother had ridden him up when she came—the first horse she ever rode, she said. He was a quiet little old man, with a bright eye and legs like gate-poles, but he never fell down with us boys, for all that. If we fell off he stopped still and began to feed, so that he suited us all to pieces. We soon got sharp enough to pull him along with a quince stick, and we used to bring up the milkers, I expect, a good deal faster than was good for them. After a bit we could milk, leg-ropes, and haul up for ourselves, and help dad brand the calves, which began to come pretty thick. There were only three of us children—my brother Jim, who was two years younger than I was, and then Aileen, who was four years behind him. I know we were both able to nurse the baby a while after she came, and neither of us wanted better fun than to be allowed to watch her, or rock the cradle, or as a great treat to carry her a few steps. Somehow we was that fond and proud of her from the first that we'd have done anything in the world for her. And so we would now—I was going to say—but that poor Jim lies under a forest oak on a sandhill, and I, well, I'm here, and if I'd listened to her advice I should have been a free man. A free man! How it sounds, doesn't it? with the sun shining, and the blue sky over your head, and the birds twittering, and the grass beneath your feet! I wonder if I shall go mad before my time's up.

Mother was a Roman Catholic—most Irishwomen are; and dad was a Protestant, if he was anything. However, that says nothing. People that don't talk much about their religion, or follow it up at all, won't change it for all that. So father, though mother tried him hard enough when they were first married, wouldn't hear of turning, not if he was to be killed for it, as I once heard him say. "No!" he says, "my father and grandfather, and all the lot, was Church people, and so I shall live and die. I don't know as it would make much matter to me, but such as my notions is, I shall stick to 'em as long as the craft holds together. You can bring up the girl in your own way; it's made a good woman of you, or found you one, which is most likely, and so she may take her chances. But I stand for Church and King, and so shall the boys, as sure as my name's Ben Marston."

CHAPTER II.

Father was one of those people that gets into a deal of trouble in this world by always sticking to one thing. If he said he'd do it, or that he always did it and nothing else. As for turning him, a wild bull half-way down a range was a likelier try-on. So nobody ever bothered him after he'd once opened his mouth. They knew it was so much lost labour. I sometimes thought Aileen was a bit like him in her way of sticking to things. But then she was always right, you see.

So that clinched it. Mother grew up like a wise woman, as she was. The clergyman from Bargo came one day and christened me and Jim—made one job of it. But mother took Aileen herself in the spring cart all the way to the township and had her christened in the chapel, in the middle of the service all right and regular, by Father Roche.

There's good and bad of every sort, and I've met plenty that were no crop of all churches; but if Father Roche, or Father anybody else, had any hand in making mother and Aileen half as good as they were, I'd turn to-morrow, if I ever got out again. I don't suppose it was the religion that made much difference in our case, for Patsy Daly and his three brothers, that lived on the creek higher up, were as much on the cross as men could be, and many a time I've seen them ride to chapel and attend mass, and look as if they'd never seen a "clearskin" in their lives. Patsy was hanged afterwards for bush-ranging and gold robbery, and he had more than one man's blood to answer for. Now we weren't like that; we never troubled the church one way or the other. We knew we were doing what we oughtn't to do, and scorned to look pious and keep two faces under one hood.

By degrees we all grew older, began to be active and able to do half a man's work. We learned to ride pretty well—at least, that is we could ride a bare-backed horse at full gallop through timber or down a range; could back a colt just caught and have him as quiet as an old cow in a week. We could use the axe and the cross-cut saw, for father dropped that sort of work himself, and made Jim and I do all the rough jobs of mending the fences, getting firewood, milking the cows, and, after a

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bit, ploughing the bit of flat we kept in cultivation.

Jim and I, when we were fifteen and thirteen—he was bigger for his age than I was, and so near my own strength that I didn't care about touching him—were the smartest lads on the creek, father said—he didn't often praise us, either. We had often ridden over to help at the muster of the large cattle stations that were on the side of the range, and not more than twenty or thirty miles from us.

Some of our young stock used to stray among the squatters' cattle, and we liked attacking the master—because there was plenty of galloping about and cutting out, and fun in the men's hat at night, and often a half-crown or so for helping some one away with a big mob of cattle or a lot for the pound. Father didn't go himself, and I used to notice that whenever we came up and said we were Ben Marston's boys both master and master looked rather glum, and then appeared not to think any more about it. I heard the master of one of these stations say to his managing man, "Pity, isn't it? fine boys, son." I didn't understand what they meant. I do now.

We could do a few things besides riding, because, as I told you before, we had been to a bit of a school kept by an old chap that had once been better days, that lived three miles off, near a little bush township. This village, like most of these places, had a public-house and a blacksmith's shop. That was about all. The publican kept the store, and managed pretty well to get hold of all the money that was made by the people round about, that is of those who were 'good drinking men.' He had half-a-dozen children, and, though he was not up to much, he wasn't that bad that he didn't want his children to have the chance of being better than himself. I've seen a good many crooked people in my day, but very few that, though they'd given themselves up as a bad job, didn't have a bit that their youngsters might take after them. Curious, isn't it? But it is true, I can tell you. So Laumer, the publican, though he was a greedy, sly sort of fellow, that bought things he knew were stolen, and lent out money and charged everybody two prices for the things he sold 'em, didn't like the thought of his children growing up like Myall cattle, as he said himself, and so he fished out this old Mr. Howard, that had been a friend or a victim or some kind of pal of his in old times, near Sydney, and got him to come and keep school.

He was a curious man, this Mr. Howard. What he had been or done none of us ever knew, but he spoke up to one of the squatters that said something sharp to him one day in a way that showed we boys that he thought himself as good as he was. And he stood upright and looked him in the face, till we hardly could think he was the same man that was so bent and shambling and broken-down-looking most times. He used to live in a little hut in the township all by himself. It was just big enough to hold him and us at our lessons. He had his dinner at the

inn, along with Mr. and Mrs. Laumer. She was always kind to him, and made him puddings and things when he was ill. He was pretty often ill, and then he'd hear us over lessons at the bedside, and make a short day of it.

Mostly he drank nothing but tea. He used to smoke a good deal out of a big meerschaum pipe with figures on it that he used to show us when he was in a good humour. But two or three times a year he used to set-to and drink for a week, and then school was left off till he was right. We didn't think much of that. Everybody almost, that we knew did the same—all the time—nearly all, that is—except of the women—not mother, though; she wouldn't have touched a drop of wine or spirit to save her life, and never did to her dying day. We just thought of it as if they'd got a touch of fever or sunstroke, or broke a rib or something. They'd get over it in a week or two, and be all right again.

All the same, poor old Mr. Howard was not always on the house, not by any manner of means. He never touched a drop of anything, not even ginger-beer, while he was straight, and he kept us all going from nine o'clock in the morning till three in the afternoon, summer and winter, for more than six years. Then he died, poor old chap—found dead in his bed one morning. Many a heating he gave me and Jim with an old nailbox case he had with a silver knob to it. We were all pretty frightened of him. He'd say to me and Jim and the other boys, "It's the best chance of making men of yourselves you ever had, if you only knew it. You'll be rich farmers or settlers, perhaps magistrates, one of these days—that is, if you're not hanged. It's you, I mean," he'd say, pointing to me and Jim and the Dals; "I believe some of you will be hanged unless you change a deal. It's cold blood and bad blood that runs in your veins, and you'll come to earn the wages of sin some day. It's strange thing, he used to say, as if he was talking to himself, that the girls are no good, while the boys are delivered over to the Devil One, except a case here and there. Look at Mary Darcy and Jane Laumer, and my little pet Aileen here. I defy any village in Britain to turn out such girls—plenty of racy-cheeked gigglers—but the natural refinement and intelligence of these little damsels astounds me."

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